

WORTH PICKED THE PLUMS.

COL. MICHELL PRACTICALLY "TURNED DOWN" AT ALBANY.

NOT ONE OF THE MEN HE HAD SELECTED APPOINTED BY COMMISSIONER LYMAN, AND IT IS THOUGHT THAT EVEN HIS PRIVATE SECRETARY WILL BE NAMED BY THE MACHINE—EXPLANATION.

Harry W. Michell, Deputy Excise Commissioner, returned to Brooklyn from Albany yesterday morning, bringing with him the news of the appointments of assistants in his office. On April 15 Colonel Michell announced the names of the four men he intended to recommend to State Commissioner Lyman for selection; but in the list of appointments announced yesterday not one of Colonel Michell's selection appeared. In place of Henry A. Cozzens for cashier, the name of Hector H. Friable appeared; C. M. Davidson, whom Colonel Michell has chosen for assistant cashier, was replaced by James T. Connell; E. S. Melin was named as auditor in place of Oscar Knapp; and for attorney, John M. Ward was substituted for Jacob Brenner.

The announcement of six special agents for Kings County was at the same time made as follows: John Wirth, George B. Buttling, Matthew M. White, William H. Harrison, Jr., Andrew Frank and Henry Hanbury. Later in the day it was announced that George Semms had been selected as another special agent.

This wholesale shakeup in the list of Colonel Michell's recommendations was the subject of much conjecture yesterday. Colonel Michell in selecting his staff had been aware that he had no power to do more than merely recommend in his names of the men he would like to have in his office. His list had been made with little regard to the claims of either of the Republican factions, and was considered universally satisfactory. With two exceptions the ten men named yesterday as the choice of Commissioner Lyman were identified with the anti-administration faction. It was the substitution of these conspicuously active opponents of the administration Republicans for the list given out by Colonel Michell which set the politicians talking. Just what the meaning of the radical change in the list could have been explained in a number of different ways. Many persons declared that it was the first, but an absolutely decisive proof that the manipulators of the State machine intended in their distribution of patronage in Brooklyn, not only at the present time, but even after the Greater New York comes into existence, to ignore that branch of the party in Kings County which has hitherto refused to humble itself before Mr. Platt, and to deal out all the good things to ex-Senator Wirth, who has not been as steadfast as he might have been in his allegiance to Platt, but who has, for the greater part, followed the lead of the boss on important occasions.

REASONS THAT MIGHT BE NAMED.

Reasons could be named by Mr. Platt and his humble servant, Commissioner Lyman, why he should do a few nice little things for Brooklyn Republicans who swear by Mr. Wirth. Reasons could also be named why Mr. Platt might refuse to extend like favors to the forces led by Commissioner Willis and Mayor Wurstler. In the first place, a number of persons from Kings County showed in the last State Convention that there were persons whom they would rather see go to St. Louis as delegates-at-large than Thomas C. Platt and Edward Lauterbach. Then, again, these same persons have been the most energetic and effective opponents that the Greater New York scheme has found. These two exhibitions of disrespect for Mr. Platt naturally strengthened in his mind an old dislike for Mr. Willis. On the other hand, when the Greater New York bill was in danger of defeat on Wednesday, and three votes had to be found somewhere to secure its passage, three Worth men arose to the occasion, and by "fopping" at the last moment secured the passage of the measure.

For these reasons, and perhaps for many others, Mr. Platt owed something to Mr. Wirth, and so on this occasion, when Mr. Platt had something to give away, it is only natural that he should give it to Mr. Wirth's friends, and not to Mr. Willis's adherents.

HOW THE ADMINISTRATION SEES IT.

Jacob Brenner, one of the administration leaders, commented on the situation in these words: "We are perfectly sincere in our efforts to attain harmony and unity of effort in the party. If we allow ourselves to become forgetful of this object every time there is patronage to be distributed, we will certainly fall in our attempt to set aside factional differences. If whenever an office is filled some of us should be dissatisfied because a certain man had received the appointment, there would be no setting aside of factional lines there. If we are to have harmony there can be no factions, and we should all be satisfied if the man selected is a Republican. There would be no harmony if one-half of the party should in every case fight an appointment which went to the other half. That is just the kind of thing we are trying to avoid." Colonel Michell says that all is well between him and Commissioner Lyman. He does not wish to have it understood that he was "turned down" when his recommendations were set aside. Colonel Michell said that the Department had extended conferences on Wednesday and Thursday, and it was in the course of these conferences that the present list of Kings County officials was selected.

Meers, Cozzens, Davidson and Knapp are greatly disappointed over their failure to secure the places. They reluctantly admitted that they had been set aside, but said they did not know why. Mr. Brenner immediately congratulated Mr. Ward, who had been appointed to the place left out for him. He spoke of Mr. Ward as an able young man, and has offered him as an assistant that his experience as attorney for the Excise Board enables him to give. Although John W. Nutt, whom Colonel Michell had selected as his confidential secretary, was not replaced, it is feared that the Department expects that he will be. It is considered in Brooklyn little short of discourteous on the part of the State officials to deprive Colonel Michell of the privilege of selecting his own private secretary, but it is feared that the Department will have to give way to the wishes of his superiors. Colonel Michell expects the appointment of four more special inspectors. The original plan was that Kings County should have seven men, one for each of the four districts, but the great extent of territory makes it impossible for seven men to do the work efficiently.

A SKETCH OF THE MEN APPOINTED.

Hector H. Friable, the cashier of the Department, lives at No. 99 South Oxford-st., and has been a resident of Brooklyn for five years. He is cashier of the Metropolitan Steamship Company of New York. He was a personal friend of Commissioner Lyman, and was well informed in different parts of the State. The Worth leaders say that they feared him over a week ago that Mr. Friable would receive the appointment in the Sheriff's office. He has been a delegate to the Republican County Committee, but has previously held no political office.

E. S. Melin, the auditor, is from the Twenty-first Ward. He was formerly superintendent of the document-room in the House of Representatives in Washington. He was secretary of the New York Quarantine Board at the time when Thomas C. Platt and John A. Nichols were Commissioners. He is a brother-in-law of "Lou" F. Fay, of Columbia County.

John M. Ward, who has been selected as attorney, is a successful young lawyer. His political godfather is Controller George W. Palmer, in whose office he is chief clerk. Controller Davidson attempted to get for him the place of Deputy Excise Commissioner, but Commissioner Lyman refused to select him. Mr. Ward lives in the Seventeenth Ward, and nominated William Cullen Bryant for Mayor last fall. He also made the speech nominating Controller Palmer two years before.

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of his closest political allies, George R. Buttling comes from the Fifth Ward, and is a brother of Sheriff William J. Buttling. Andrew Frank lives in the Sixteenth Ward, and owes his political advancement to City Clerk Joseph Benjamin. Henry Hanbury is the father of Harry A. Hanbury, one of the most energetic of the younger Worth leaders. The two administration men to receive appointments were Matthew M. White, of the Seventh Ward, and William H. Harrison, Jr., of the Twenty-fifth Ward. Mr. White represents his district in the present Ward Committee, and is strongly endorsed by Senator George W. Brush, the Rev. Dr. Lyman Abbott, George H. Roberts, Jr., chairman of the County Committee, and a number of others. Mr. Harrison lives at No. 539 Chaucer-st. He was favored strongly by Senator Albert A. Wray, who represents the XVIIIth Senate District.

WARNING TO BATHING MASTERS.

THEY WILL BE OFFICIALLY TOLD OF THEIR DUTIES IN SECURING THE SAFETY OF THEIR CUSTOMERS.

Bathing masters along the Brooklyn water front will to-day receive notice from the Health Commissioner reminding them of their duty under the law in looking after the preservation of the lives of people who patronize their places. The announcements will be in the form of a poster, part of which reads: Every keeper or proprietor of a hotel or boarding-house, and every other person having for use a bathing-house upon any beach or shore of the ocean, for the accommodation of his guests or of other persons, for pay, shall provide for the safety of such bathers two lines of sound, serviceable and strong manila or hemp rope, not less than one inch in diameter, anchored at some point above high water, at the same distance apart as the line of bathing-house, and every other person having for use a bathing-house upon any beach or shore of the ocean, shall be made to extend as far into the surf as bathing is ordinarily safe and free from danger of drowning to persons not expert in swimming, and at such points of safety such lines shall be anchored and buoyed.

STATEN ISLAND.

TOPICS OF INTEREST TO RESIDENTS OF RICHMOND COUNTY.

A piano recital will be given this afternoon at the home of Mrs. Orrin S. Wood, Arrochar, by Mrs. Harcourt Hull.

Mrs. A. A. Mitchell, of the Manor Road, West Brighton, will, with her family, leave for Europe in the early portion of next month and remain abroad until October.

Mrs. Eugene Outerbridge and Miss Boyd have returned home from Bermuda, where they spent several weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter C. Kerr have taken a cottage at Oyster Bay, Long Island, where they will spend the summer.

Mrs. Lewis F. Whittin and Miss Morgan, of West Brighton, have returned from Bermuda, where they have been for six weeks.

Lieutenant John C. Fremont, who is attached to the Indiana, visited his home on Sunday.

The wedding of Miss Hattie Bagley to John Craig, of Livingston, will take place in June. The wedding will be celebrated in the Randall Memorial Church, Sallor's Saug Harbor. This privilege is accorded to Miss Bagley, as her uncle, Captain Melville, was a former governor of the institution.

Mr. and Mrs. Gustav Heineken, of Livingston, celebrated the twenty-fifth anniversary of their wedding on Monday. They were made the recipients of a number of handsome gifts.

A progressive euchre party was given by Miss Ella G. Barton at her home, Mrs. Place, New-Brighton, on Monday afternoon. Mrs. Paul Cooke was the first prize, a handsome ring box.

Among those present were Mrs. F. L. Rodenald, Mrs. Washington Morton, Mrs. Wetherall, Mrs. Thomas, Mrs. James M. Davis, Mrs. Thomas L. Conyngham, Mrs. James B. Alexander, Mrs. H. K. Jewett, Mrs. Russell Bleeker and Elmina M. Pelt.

The Rev. E. J. McCue, assistant rector of St. Peter's Church, New-Brighton, has been appointed secretary to Bishop Farley, of New-York.

Professor William Strong has been appointed principal of the Westchester Collegiate Institute, Frothingham Park, in place of Dr. Charles R. Kingsley.

The Christian Endeavor Society of Grace Church, Port Richmond, has elected the following officers: President, Frank R. Simonson; vice-president, Miss Alice C. Laker; recording secretary, Mrs. W. S. Pierson; corresponding secretary, Arthur Brasington; treasurer, Thomas J. Simonson.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Lyon, of New-Brighton, celebrated the twenty-fifth anniversary of their wedding on Thursday evening and received a loving cup from their friends.

The marriage of Miss Fannie Nolte, daughter of Mr. J. H. Nolte, of Connetquot, and George W. Falger, took place in St. Simon's Chapel, on Thursday evening.

The Port Richmond Fire Department has elected the following officers: Chief Engineer, Charles Winant; first assistant, Richard Pearson; second assistant, William O'Connell; recorder, George W. Falger.

The Richmond County Medical Society has issued an appeal to the public requesting subscriptions to a fund of \$400 for a hospital for contagious diseases in the South End of the island.

The Christian Endeavor Society of the Reformed Church, Port Richmond, has elected the following officers: President, William McFarland; vice-president, Miss Alice C. Laker; recording secretary, Mrs. W. S. Pierson; corresponding secretary, Miss Anna M. Merritt; treasurer, P. A. Tympany.

The members of Port Richmond Engine Company, No. 3, have decided to put up a new building in Richmond-ave.

The Thomas syndicate has applied to the New-Brighton Board of Trustees for a franchise to lay rails in the Richmond Turnpike from the Clave road to the Northfield line.

At the Chamber of Commerce meeting on Thursday evening, George W. Falger, of the executive committee on the gateway question was read in part, and showed that his gas company at the present time is being operated at a loss. The chamber will probably disapprove the bill to cut the present rate by legislation.

The Christian Endeavor Society of Summerfield Church, Mariners Harbor, has elected the following officers: President, Rudolph Merrill; vice-president, Miss Ella Houghwout; recording secretary, Clarence Sperry; corresponding secretary, Miss Elizabeth Merrill; treasurer, Mrs. W. S. Pierson.

The Staten Island Bicycle Club has again secured possession of its clubhouse at St. George, which was in dispute, and the ex-janitor, R. W. Dunne, has capitulated.

A former resident of New-Brighton has written to Dr. Theodore Walter offering to contribute the sum of \$400, which the Medical Society asked for building a hospital for contagious diseases. The offer will be accepted.

Miss Sheila E. O'Donovan Rossa, the daughter of O'Donovan Rossa, the Irish patriot, who lives in England, was bitten on the right arm yesterday by a dog. Her flesh was lacerated, but no serious results are expected.

The Rev. Charles Cassidy, of Mount Loretto, has been appointed assistant pastor at St. Peter's, New-Brighton.

The Rapid Transit Company has completed negotiations with the Pennsylvania Railroad, whereby some of the freight of the latter road will be switched at Lino, and brought to St. George by way of the Arthur Kill bridge.

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